

EXTRA LEGISLATIVE SESSION CALLED FOR MONDAY, DEC. 21

JOURNAL'S POPULARITY PROVED UNDER OATH

Unique Yet Overwhelmingly Convincing Test of the Relative Merits of the Three Newspapers Published in Portland.

GIVEN IN TRIAL OF MALCOLM A. MOODY Of Seventeen Jurors From all Sections of Oregon Ten First Saw Indictment in Journal, Five in Telegram, 6 in Oregonian.

In the recent trial of Malcolm A. Moody there was an interesting development which, while it had no bearing on the case itself, was a matter of a great deal of surprise to many people in the large audience. As it was a federal case the jury panel was made up of men from all over the state. In all there were 17 men examined before a jury in the case was secured. Every one of these 17 men was questioned under oath. Each one was asked in what paper he had read the account of Mr. Moody's indictment. Ten replied that they had read of it in The Journal, five had read of it in The Oregonian and six in the Oregonian and only one of the 17 had read it in the Telegram. Out of the 17 three men swore that they read only their county papers, so it appears that out of the 14 who read any Portland paper 10 of them read The Journal, five of them the Telegram and six of them the Oregonian. In order that there may be no mistake on this The Journal has gone to the trouble to have the stenographer's notes transcribed, and herewith gives literally the questions and answers bearing on this point: Ion Lewis, First Juror Called. Judge Pipes—Mr. Lewis, have you heard anything about this case? A. Nothing at all except what I have seen in the newspapers. Q. Nobody talked to you about it? A. No. Q. You have read in the newspapers about it? A. A little, yes. Q. Do you take the Morning Oregonian and the Evening Telegram of this city? A. I take the Telegram and The Journal of this city. Q. Do you read other papers throughout the state? A. No. Q. M. Gable, Second Juror. Q. You have heard me state the case to Mr. Lewis. Have you heard anything about it? A. Very little. Q. Have you read anything about it? A. Yes, I have read some. Q. What paper did you read? A. The Oregonian and The Journal. Q. Any other papers? A. No, I think not. Q. Where do you live? A. Columbia county—St. Helens. H. A. Stinchfield, Third Juror. Q. Where do you live? A. Gilliam county. Q. Have you heard about this case or heard it talked about? A. Yes, sir. Q. Have you read about it? A. Yes, sir. I read about it in The Journal, not in the Oregonian. Q. That's the evening paper here? A. Yes, sir. Q. Were there any articles printed in your county papers in regard to this case? A. Yes, sir; I think there were some of the articles that were in The Journal printed in our county papers, the Condon Times and Globe. Q. Have you read the Telegram? A. No, sir. A. L. Goff, Fourth Juror. Q. Where do you live? A. I live near Oakland, Douglas county. Q. How long have you lived there? A. About 35 or 34 years. Q. Did you know that there was such a man in this state as Malcolm A. Moody before this indictment was found? A. No, sir. Q. How long have you lived in Oregon? A. I have never been out of the state. Q. Then you were born in Oregon? A. Yes, sir. Q. Lived in Douglas county all the time? A. Yes, sir. Q. Do you read the Oregonian? A. No, sir. Q. What papers do you read? A. Just the county papers. Q. What county papers? A. The Roseburg Review. Q. Do you read the Roseburg Plaindealer? A. Yes, sir. Q. Do you subscribe for any of those papers? A. Just the Review. Q. Do you read any of the evening papers of Portland? A. No, sir. C. Listrom, Fifth Juror. Q. Where do you live? A. Sixteen miles from Portland. Q. Have you read about this case? A. Yes, sir, in the Oregonian. Q. Do you read the Oregonian? A. No, sir. Q. Do you read any other Portland papers? A. No, sir. D. B. Troutman, Seventh Juror. Q. Where do you live? A. In Linn county, close to Albany. Q. Have you read about this case? A. A very little. Q. In what paper, the Oregonian? A. No, sir. Q. Have you read the Portland Journal? A. Yes, sir, I have read it some. Q. Have you read your own county papers? A. No, sir. (Continued on Page Two.)

SHE SCRAMBLES UP MOUNTAINS



MISS ANNIE S. PECK. New York, Nov. 21.—Miss Annie Peck, the nervy young woman who has just returned here after an unsuccessful attempt to scale the highest peak in the Andes, announces that she will try the Himalayas next year. Miss Peck travels alone except the employment of guides. In her Andes-climbing adventure she descended 590 feet into the bottom of an extinct crater in Peru and was the first woman to accomplish the feat.

CHICAGO STRIKE NOT YET SETTLED

MATTER HANGS IN THE BALANCE—RAILWAY COMPANY FAILS TO REPLY TO LATEST OVERTURES—RENEWED ACTIVITY IN RUNNING CARS—NON-UNION MAN BEATEN.

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Nov. 21.—Settlement of the great car strike still hangs in the balance. The street railway company up to 3 o'clock this afternoon had failed to reply to the latest overtures and instead renewed their activity in operating their lines. Many of the policemen guarding the lines have been withdrawn, although all cars carry some guards. Three large torpedoes were discovered on the tracks at the Seventy-seventh street barns and a non-union conductor was beaten into insensibility within a block of these barns by two striking conductors who were arrested. Local unions have been notified by the strikers that notwithstanding all conferences the strike is still on. The counsel on both sides have arranged for a meeting late this afternoon. Attorney Darrow for the strikers considers that an agreement can be reached by the committee before midnight.

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COMPANY GIVES ITS EMPLOYEES STOCKS

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Nov. 21.—Stock worth \$750,000 has been distributed among the employees of the McCormick Harvester company by a newly-formed combination to all who have been in the employ of the company for five consecutive years. The company's treasurer says it is not a profit-sharing scheme but a gift outright.

RUN DOWN BY BOYS

School Children Capture Man Supposed to Have Chased Girls.

TAKEN TO POLICE COURT

Found to Be a Case of Mistaken Identity—Thrilling Incident in Which Principal and Janitor of School Take Part.

A man who has been conducting himself in an unseemly manner near the Couch school has been annoying the teachers and pupils for a few days, and yesterday was almost caught. In fact, Hans Knudson was apprehended by Janitor James J. Driscoll, but the evidence produced in court today showed that he was not the offender. Knudson was captured on the Northern Pacific tracks by a crowd of 100 boys and the inhabitants at night occupied every available space. Nearly All Asleep. Early this morning before the call for breakfast had sounded, and well most of the men were yet asleep, fire broke out in the center of the building, caused by an overheated stove. Then there was a mad rush for the doors. The means of egress were meager and the frantic men in their endeavor to escape from death jammed the doors and windows to such an extent that it was impossible to gain safety. Those who were fortunate in gaining

The culprit, who has been making himself obnoxious about the school, which is located on Seventeenth street between Kearney and Lovejoy, was in the vicinity about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He is said to have followed three little girls. They became frightened and started to run. The stranger pursued, keeping them headed toward the river. One finally got away, and hurrying back to the school, reported to her teacher, who in turn notified Principal Burnham. The principal sent out the janitor, and about 100 boys of the school joined the hunt. For more than a mile the chase continued. The man was so frightened at the sight of the determined posse that he raced through the middle of the streets, wading to his knees in the mud. Across lots and over corners he ran until he neared the railroad tracks and the river about a mile from the school. Finally the party came upon Knudson whom they supposed was the object of the chase and Janitor Driscoll, who is a special policeman, led Knudson back to the school. While the children thought he was the man the evidence was not very strong and he was sent to the police station. Knudson was violently agitated. He went copiously at the police station and strenuously denied having done anything wrong. After Chief of Police Hunt had interviewed him he was sent to the office of District Attorney Manning. The district attorney spent considerable time looking into the case. He concluded that Knudson was innocent and accordingly released him. The testimony of the posse showed that the guilty man wore a gray overcoat, while Knudson's was of another color. Knudson also had no mud on his shoes or trousers, as the other man had after racing through the streets, when arrested, and these facts caused Mr. Manning to decide that the captors had made a mistake. Knudson was formerly a sailor, was well dressed and of genteel appearance. He is 31 years of age.

HUMAN FIENDS FIGHT ROASTING COUNTRYMEN

Thirty-Five Unfortunate Laborers Are Burned to Death in a Ricketty Bunk House—Others Will Die.

A Score Who Had Escaped, Attempts to Return For Their Money, and Slash With Knives Those Trying to Gain Safety.

(Journal Special Service.) Altoona, Pa., Nov. 21.—A fire horror seldom equaled occurred 18 miles from here on the line of the Pennsylvania railroad this morning, when 35 laborers were burned to death in a shanty and 15 others seriously and fatally injured. At the time of the fire the cries of the perishing could be heard a half mile from the scene. Pierce and bloody fights marked the awful calamity and probably a half dozen will die from knife wounds. One hundred and fifty Italians, employed on section work, occupied a frame bunk house beside the tracks. The building was long and narrow and the inhabitants at night occupied every available space. Nearly All Asleep. Early this morning before the call for breakfast had sounded, and well most of the men were yet asleep, fire broke out in the center of the building, caused by an overheated stove. Then there was a mad rush for the doors. The means of egress were meager and the frantic men in their endeavor to escape from death jammed the doors and windows to such an extent that it was impossible to gain safety. Those who were fortunate in gaining

the outside found themselves powerless in their endeavors to extinguish the fierce burning blaze. Blashed With Knives. To add to the horror several from the outside attempted to return for their money which they had received yesterday as wages. These wretches drew knives and slashed at the frantic men who were jammed in doors and windows. Four men were killed outright in this manner. Finally another crowd formed an attacking party, led by an American boss, who had arrived on the scene, and with clubs, stones and knives beat back the score or more fiends who, in attempting to recover their money, had caused their countrymen to be burned alive. The action of the rescuing party came too late, as the flames had already accomplished an almost total destruction of the shanty. There were but two doors to the house and wedged in these were 20 charred bodies of the dead and dying. Th injured were sent to the hospital here. The men who fought to re-enter the burning place were driven to the woods and vengeance will overtake them if the remaining band of Italians are successful in finding them.

San Francisco, Nov. 21.—Claus Spreckles, the aged capitalist, suffered two mild strokes of paralysis within the last month and his condition is at present causing some alarm in the family. Col. John D. Spreckles, owner of the Call, has been with his father most of the time during the past two days. He is considered the wealthiest man on the coast, and the bankers say he carries more ready cash than any man in the city. He was born in Germany and at one time kept a small grocery store here.

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GRAND RAPIDS HAS BIG WATER SCANDAL

(Journal Special Service.) Grand Rapids, Mich., Nov. 21.—Seventeen warrants were issued this morning in connection with the city water deal. Fourteen were aldermen, and former aldermen were the other three. Ex-Mayor Perry is accused of accepting a \$3,000 bribe from State Senator Burns and former member of the Board of Public Service Bissel. The other bribe-takers, the aldermen, were charged with taking from \$3,000 to \$5,000 each.

UNIDENTIFIED MAY BE CHAS. BEGUIER

Charles Beguier is believed to be the name of the unidentified man lying at the Belmont hospital, who was found in the river last Sunday. Corner Pines has found the dead man's trunk in Snyder's boarding-house on North Fifth street, and this name was found on it. From other clues it is thought he was a cook and came from Seattle. His hat was bought in Vancouver, B. C.

LARGEST LINER LAUNCHED

(Journal Special Service.) Belfast, Nov. 21.—The new White Star liner Baltic, the largest liner in the world, was launched today. The vessel is 720 feet long and has a capacity of 23,000 tons. TRANSPORT BRINGS BODIES. (Journal Special Service.) New York, Nov. 21.—The transport Summer arrived today from Manila and brought among the prominent officers Generals Davis and Chance, retired, and 162 bodies of soldiers.

COLOMBIA MAKES GIGANTIC BLUFF

Advices Received at Washington State That General Reyes of Colombia Will Recommend War With United States.

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, Nov. 21.—Advices received from Panama today tend to show that the Colombian government is either making a huge bluff or else is laboring under misdirected zeal in fostering the idea that she can retake the state of Panama. It is given out in advices that Gen. Reyes, probably the greatest soldier in Colombia, or maybe South America, in an interview last night at Colon made the statement that if his visit to Washington meets with failure, he will recommend that Colombia march on the new republic and endeavor to retake it even though war to the death has to be waged with the United States. Gen. Reyes will propose to the state department at Washington that Panama be re-entered into the Colombia union and the removal of the capital of the latter from Bogota to the city of Panama. He is quoted as saying that he does not know what will be the outcome of his visit, but that in case of failure 100,000 Colombian soldiers will begin building roads on the line of march to the isthmus. Gen. Reyes says that his government cannot afford to lose the state and so intense is the feeling over its loss that patriotic spirit prevails that cannot be swept under by promise or provision. In the state department here there is no seriousness attached to the report that Colombia will engage in war with the United States. The position of this government and that of the great powers of Europe is one of full recognition of the new republic and wishes for its continued independence. COLOMBIA APPEALS. Bogota, Nov. 21.—President Narroquin has issued an appeal to the American people, through the Scripps News association, which says that Colombia has been made the victim of unexpected aggression and is in danger of losing the United States. The American government, which was always held to be its best ally, has prevented with marines the subjugation of the traitors. It was an open violation of the treaty with America, and he is sure the people will not permit this thing to remain to mar the glorious traditions in order to obtain by force what Colombia was willing to grant through equitable ways. He appeals to the national conscience of the Americans, and in closing says that no matter what action the Washington government may take, the possession of the property by the Americans will be held to be a violation of the treaty.

TEXT OF GOVERNOR'S CALL

(Journal Special Service.) Salem, Or., Nov. 21.—Governor Chamberlain today called for a special session of the legislature. The following is the text of the call: "I, George E. Chamberlain, by virtue of the authority in me vested as governor of the state of Oregon, do hereby direct the convening of the two houses of the legislative assembly of the state of Oregon in special session at the state capitol, in Salem, on Monday, the 21st day of December, 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, for the purpose of meeting the objections made by the supreme court to, and curing defects in, an act entitled 'An act to provide a more efficient method for the assessment and collection of taxes, and to amend sections 3057, 3060, 3082, 3084, 3085, 3090, 3098, 3106, 3107, 3112, 3116 and 3120 of Bellingier and Cotton's annotated codes and statutes of Oregon,' passed by the legislative assembly of the state of Oregon at its twenty-second regular session in 1902. "All who shall at the time hereinafter named be entitled to act as members of said legislative assembly are hereby required to take notice. "Given under my hand and the great seal of the state of Oregon at the capitol in Salem, this 21st day of November, A. D. 1903." The governor also issued a writ of special election for the Ninth and Nineteenth senatorial districts to elect successors to Senators Fulton and Williamson. The special election will be held in Clatsop county, the Nineteenth district, and Klamath, Lake, Crook and Grant counties, of the Ninth district, Wednesday, December 16, 1903, to fill the unexpired terms. No special election is called for Benton county to succeed Daly.

GREAT MERGER IS TO BE DISSOLVED

A Matter of National Importance Announced by James J. Hill—Northern Sureties Company Will Surrender All Rights But One.

(Journal Special Service.) Philadelphia, Nov. 21.—Great surprise was occasioned here today over what is termed a matter of national importance. James J. Hill, president of the Northern Securities company, announces that the merger of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads is dissolved. These roads will be operated in the near future by independent officers. The Philadelphia Record prints today the following, compiled from an interview with Mr. Hill, who was in the city yesterday and last night: "From an authority close to Mr. Hill, it was learned that on the advice of counsel it had been decided to surrender every right granted under the New Jersey corporation law to the Northern Securities company, accepting that of purchasing such securities as the management may see fit to obtain from an investment viewpoint. "The right to vote the stock in the Great Northern, the Northern Pacific and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railway is to be renounced, as is also the right of the Securities concern to have any voice in the management of those railroads. The Securities company is to declare before the Federal supreme court that each of those big railroads is to be continued under separate managements, there is to be no

community of interests agreement between them; in fact, they are to be maintained as separate companies, and each to have individual management and offices as before the merger under the Securities company charter, which was obtained in New Jersey on November 10, 1901. "The meaning to this is, according to one of the attorneys for the Securities company, that the judgment of the circuit court of appeals of April 3 last, declaring the merger void, is honored by the company, and it merely desires to have the supreme court pronounce it a lawful corporation, in that all possible objections alleged to conflict with the United States anti-trust law have been removed."

PRISON MUTINEERS ARE UP FOR MURDER

(Journal Special Service.) Leavenworth, Kan., Nov. 21.—Seven mutineers from the federal penitentiary were taken to Topeka today to stand trial for the murder of Guard Waldrop. Seven accomplices were recently tried and sentenced for life.